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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POSITION RE RESOLUTION 242

REF: STATE 148354

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, INSTRUCTIONS, EMBOFF ASKED QUAI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ROUILLON, JULY 31, FOR
FRENCH VIEW OF RESOLUTION 242 IN LIGHT OF GOF VOTE FOR JULY 26
UNSC RESOLUTION. EMBOFF STRESSED USG CONVICTION THAT JULY 26
RESOLUTION REPRESENTED MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM 242 BY BEING IMPLICIT
CALL FOR UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL.

2. ROUILLON REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN "ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE"
IN FRENCH ADHERENCE TO RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT. JULY 26 RESOLUTION DID NOT ANNUL OTHER ELEMENTS OF
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242 WHICH WOULD HAVE REMAINED IN EFFECT EVEN HAD JULY 26

RESOLUTION BEEN PASSED. IN GOV VIEW, THERE WERE TWO ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS TO 242: THE CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL AND THE UNDERTAKING TO RECOGNIZE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO LIVE IN PEACE. REFERENCES TO SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES IN FRENCH VIEW DID NOT IMPLY THAT TERRITORY COULD BE ANNEXED BY CONQUEST. IN THAT RESPECT FRENCH INTERPRET 242 AS ENDORSING UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL, AS WELL AS UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT OF STATES TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS. WHILE MODALITIES OF WITHDRAWAL ARE NEGOTIABLE, PRINCIPAL OF WITHDRAWAL IS NOT. ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE IS ALSO UNCONDITIONAL AND EACH ELEMENT IS ABSOLUTE IN ITSELF.

3. COMMENTING PERSONNALLY ON PROPOSED US MODIFICATION OF PARA TWO OF JULY 26 RESOLUTION, ROUILLON OBSERVED THAT IT ALSO DID NOT COMPLETELY CONFORM TO RESOLUTION 242, SINCE IT ABSTRACTED ONLY ELEMENTS OF WITHDRAWAL AND SECURE AND RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS FROM RESOLUTION 242 WHICH CONTAINED MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS.

4. COMMENTING ON GENERAL SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, ROUILLON SAID THAT IMPASSE CONTINUED. FRENCH HAD LITTLE HOPE THAT WALDHEIM TRIP TO AREA WOULD LEAD TO ANYTHING, AND INDEED FRENCH NOT SURE THAT WALDHEIM WOULD STILL BE WELCOME IN EGYPT. ROUILLON SAID HE INTENDED TO ASK EGYPTIAN FORMIN ZAYYAT ABOUT UNSYG'S VISIT AND GENERAL EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS FOR FUTURE WHEN ZAYYAT PASSES THROUGH PARIS AUGUST 2.

5. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, CONTRARY TO INFORMATION CONTAINED PARIS 0425, ROUILLON EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT TO PARIS OF ISRAELI FORMIN EBAN AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH INVITATION.

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